principally by the concerns of India's food security, maximizing farm incomes, interest of consumers, earning foreign exchange and to augment domestic availability.

Facilitating Sale of Excess Dairy Product of Karnataka

1992. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Karnataka is faced with a problem of plenty of milk; if so, the milk availability, demand and the extent of surplus milk in Karnataka, per year;

(b) whether NDDB has been requested by the Karnataka Government to help/facilitate the sale of excess dairy products;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to start a mega dairy of related industry in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The production of milk in Karnataka is increasing. The estimates of milk production, requirement and deficit in Karnataka during the last five years are given below :

(Quantity in 000 tonnes)

Year	Production	Requirement	Deficit
1996-97	3460	4886	1426
1997-98	3970	4956	986
1998-99	4231	5024	793
1999-2000*	4925	5091	166
2000-2001*	5106	5197	91

*Provisional.

The demand of milk is determined by various conditions like price of milk, purchasing capacity of consumers, seasonal variation of milk production due to which there is great fluctuation of demand from time to time.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has requested Mother Dairy, Delhi which is subsidiary of NDDB to purchase skimmed milk powder and butter. KMF has offered skimmed milk powder for sale during the current year to Delhi Milk Scheme, West Bengal Milk Federation, West Bengal Government Central Dairy and Metro Dairy, Kolkatta.

(d) and (e) A mega dairy of six lakh litres capacity per day has already been set up in Bangalore by the Bangalore Urban and Rural District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union. A 30 Metric Tonnes per day milk powder plant is also under construction at Bangalore. In addition to these various District Cooperative Milk Unions in Karnataka have proposed augmentation of their processing capacity to the tune of 5 lakh litres per day.

Improving the Lot of Farmers

1993. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain farmers' organisations have decided to launch struggle, seeking solution to the problems faced by the farming community;

(b) whether, the implementation of the directives of the World Trade Organisation and the World Bank, the plight of farmers has worsened; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the lot of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Farmers organizations often raise issues regarding problems faced by the farming community and seek redressal to improve their lot.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Various schemes are being implemented by the Government of India and the State Governments for economic and social uplift of farmers and rural communities. For the development of agriculture and allied activities, recent initiatives taken by the Government include introduction of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), adoption of regionally differentiated strategy through Macro Management Scheme, creation of a Watershed Development Fund with a corpus of Rs. 200 crore, launching of a Technology Mission for Cotton, launching of Technology Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, introduction of a Scheme for Seed Crop Insurance, establishment of a Seed Bank, enhancing availability of farm credit and Kisan Credit Cards.